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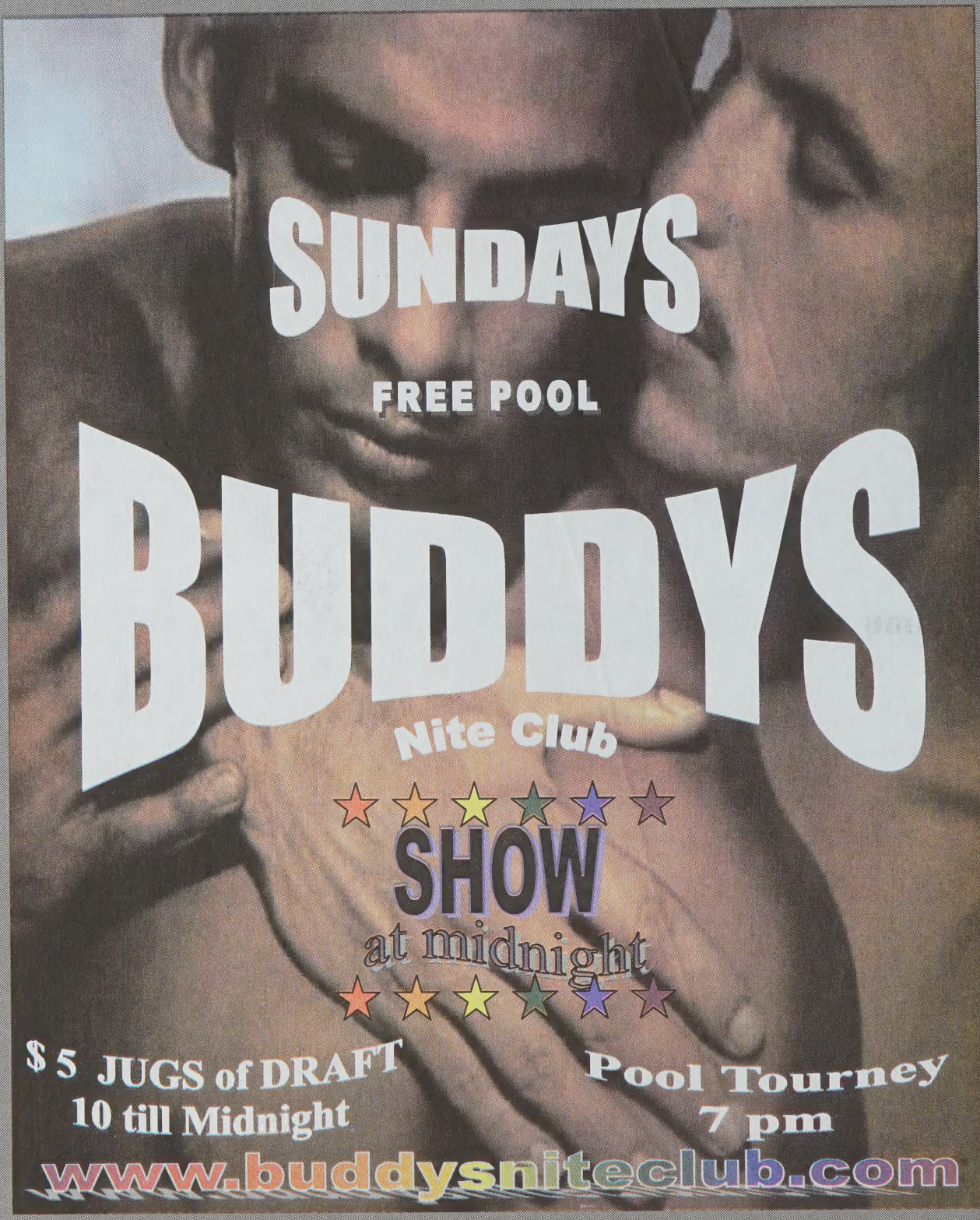
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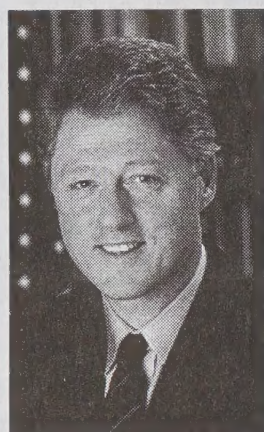
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We Can Win the War on AIDS

By Bill Clinton



On the eve of a historic U.N. summit on AIDS, the world mourns the loss of a righteous voice. Earlier this month, Nkosi Johnson passed away

quietly in his sleep. Nkosi was only 12 years old, but in his own modestly defiant fashion, he was a giant among us. Infected since birth with HIV, he became South Africa's leading advocate for people living with AIDS. He gave a kind, human face to 4.7 million of his compatriots who are HIV positive. He was, in the words of former president Nelson Mandela, "a very courageous young man . . . a wonderful advocate [who reached] many people beyond South Africa."

Nkosi and his peers have given me hope that we can prevail against this terrible scourge. Over the course of my recent travels in Africa, I was fortunate to meet many remarkable men and women who are working tirelessly to stem the tide of new infections. And to care for those who are already sick and to press the global community to act swiftly and proportionately in the face of the

greatest health crisis of the modern age.

Over the past two decades, 58 million people worldwide have been infected with HIV, and 22 million have died of AIDS. Today, 36 million people are HIV-positive, over two-thirds of whom live in Africa. But the disease is spreading quickly in other regions of the developing world, particularly in the former Soviet states, the Caribbean and parts of East and South Asia. By 2005, an estimated 100 million people will be infected.

Beyond the heartbreaking loss of life, the United States has real and profound interests in reversing this trend, because the health of our economy relies on the sustained vitality of foreign markets, many of which are threatened by the AIDS pandemic. AIDS is also a political virus. The disease strikes at vital human resources. It decimates the ranks of civic, entrepreneurial and military leadership. Moreover, widespread suffering and impoverishment are sure prescriptions for civil unrest. This is why both the U.S. government and the U.N. Security Council have identified AIDS as a security threat.

In light of all this, we must confront the AIDS epidemic as we would any other life-and-death struggle: with overwhelming determination.

Around the world, local organizations have proven that with strong leadership, popular commitment and proportionate resources, they can slow or even reverse the rate of new infection and provide life-prolonging treatment for the sick. Uganda, once the center of Africa's AIDS epidemic, has seen its infection rate drop by more than half through an unrelenting and vigilant public awareness campaign. The same is true of other developing areas — from the Indian state of Tamil Nadu to Senegal and, particularly, to Brazil — where ordinary citizens and their governments are working together, with great success, to stop HIV in its tracks.

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Pride Week - A New Beginning...



Pride 2001 Awards

On June 23rd, the 8th Annual Edmonton Community Pride Awards were presented to outstanding Individuals, Allies and Organizations.



Maureen Irwin Award for outstanding achievement by a lesbian: Jacqueline Dumas

Michael Phair Award for outstanding achievement by a gay man: Edward Sandberg

Larry Sand Award for outstanding commitment to the GLBT community by a business: Tom Hutchison - Magic Lantern (Garneau and Princess) Theatres

Sheryl McInnes Award: Dr. Andre Grace (Assistant Professor, Educational Policy Studies, U of A)

2001 Pride Certificates:

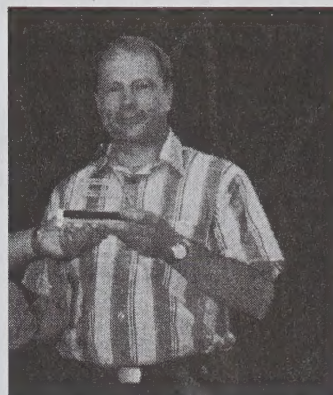
Brent Johnson, for his brave public fight to be recognized as a legal partner, and for his contribution to changing the Intestate Succession Act in Alberta.



EGALE, for their ongoing work in national lobbying, on the occasion of their success in lobbying the government to include same sex couples in the 2001 census.

Neon for her years of commitment to entertainment and fundraising on behalf of gay and lesbian and HIV charities in Edmonton.

The Metro Health Group: for their ongoing work to raise awareness of gay, transgender and HIV related health



concerns in the broader medical and support services communities, and for their educational work in the U of A faculty of medicine.

Planned Parenthood Association of Edmonton for

their years of awareness raising and work in support of gay and lesbian youth.

Kindred House and Crossroads Program for their active support with street-involved GLBT people, and especially for their advocacy within social services for Transgendered women involved in prostitution.

Jaida Kelsall is an out lesbian student in the 12th grade at Victoria Composite, in May 2001 she received the R. C. Maskell award as Victoria Composite High School's "Most Admired and Respected Graduate".

Stephen Liley for advocacy on behalf of GLBT



youth on the streets, and for speaking up about anti-gay harassment on Whyte Ave at the community and city levels.

Andrew Schuster for his years of involvement through recreation in Edmonton.

The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose - for years of community support - on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary.

Pride Week - Putting Our Principles before Personalities



It's Your History

1993 – We had grown sick and tired of being told that we were a nothing city by



Calgary and decided to do something about it. A number of people signed their names to incorporate a not-for-profit society that

would have Times .10 Magazine as its production. It took almost three months to get some support to produce the first issue in December of that year. We finally had our own voice to assist community groups in their growth and get as much information about AIDS in front of people. The Capital City would speak through its own independent news media and help take the chains off of our community. We obtained permission to print new information about AIDS from the Vice-President of the United States. We were told by the government of

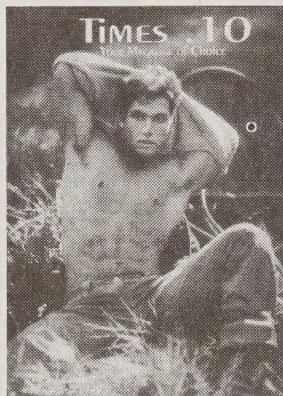
Canada that we could not print it. We printed it anyway.

1994 – Our distribution was now spread from coast to coast in Canada.



Volunteers spent a lot of time getting the packages ready to send out all over the country. As a part of our policy we built in a rule that we would do what we

could to keep principles of journalism before personalities. This in itself made us very different from other media sources where individuals become “experts” and would heap praise upon themselves. The community came first and not the individual or in the words of Brad Fraser “Being Gay is a fabulous Gift”



of revenue came from individuals and businesses that would support an independent voice in the Capital City. We spent a lot of time asking people what they wanted to read and were surprised to hear the responses. Requests were now coming from all over the world for copies of the magazine. Along with that came a new way to get the magazine out to the world via the Internet. Our Website went on line in June of 1995 and was entirely redone in September of the same year. To our amazement there were almost 100 people per month checking us out. We thought that was a lot!



sparked a community get together

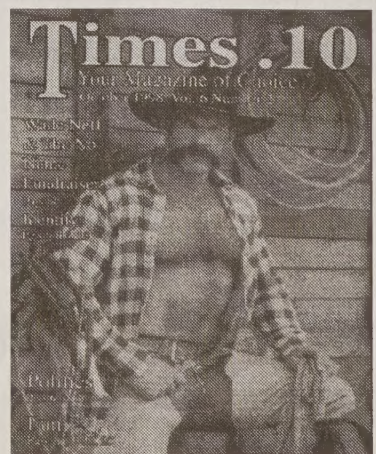
1995 – This was a big year for changes for everyone that helped produce Times .10. Our only source

called the No Name Fundraiser. It was the first time that one event was sponsored by every club along with the support of many community groups and numerous other businesses. The politics of Alberta was going through another radical change with the Vriend case in full fury. Our Internet Website was now reaching new heights with almost 500 people per month. Wow!! Whenever possible we did whatever needed to include everyone from our youth to our seniors in Times .10. By now there were over fifty people volunteering their time and we were producing ten issues per year.



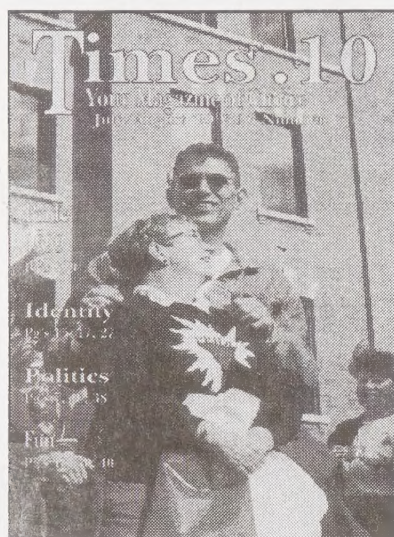
1997 – During this year we took another turn and took a course in sensitivity with the guidance and nurturing of one wonderful lady by the name Maureen Irwin. Sheryl, Maureen’s lover, introduced us to a new word, “heterosexist”. Maureen was sitting

1996 – We made a promise not to forget our friends and lovers who had died of AIDS and



next to her computer with Sheryl shouting new words at us all afternoon. New thoughts were transplanted such as; "And if you don't like what I have to say, well, I am me, I am different, and I am okay." Material was beginning to build up on our Website and Microsoft placed us in the top ten gay news resource Websites. We quickly moved up to thousands of people a month visiting and reading the material printed in Times .10.

1998 – This was one of our more memorable years, as we became five years old. Articles were now coming



in from all over Canada and around the world. Our commitment to building a community had spread outside the Capital City and we kept promoting our groups so they could grow. It was one of those things that we learned from Maureen about people needing to know that they were not alone. We asked Wade Neff to come to Edmonton and help us with the No Name Fundraiser in October of '98. He was a hit and his personality rubbed off on a lot of people.

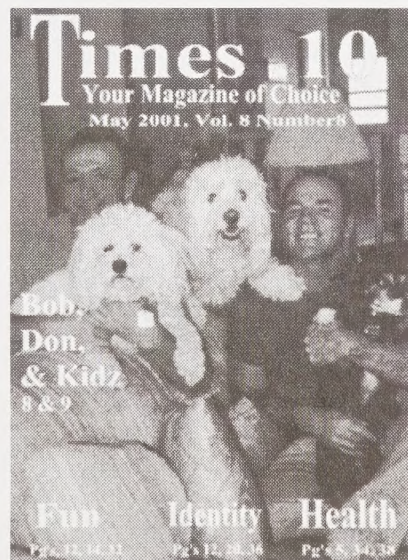
1999 – The moon did not spin out of earth orbit as forecasted by a science fiction television program. However, Stockwell Day went out of orbit with Ralph Klein when the Supreme Court of Canada handed down the Vriend decision. It was almost realistic to think that gays in Alberta

might one day be free. Times .10 went through a transformation and the community organization grew to four pages of group listings. The



demand for copies of our publication was growing faster than we could keep up. We even put our first radio station on the Internet simply called Times 10 Radio. We were told by the Conservative party in Alberta to stop sending copies of Times .10 to conservative MLAs because they were not interested in gay or lesbian issues.

2000 – The lights did not go out and the computers were still humming on



January 1 aside from all the mainstream media hype about the

millennium bug. The only bug we had, Stockwell Day, was now leading the born again reform party. With a lot of help from AOL who rated Times .10 as the number one gay news and resource Website on the Internet our readership was reaching almost one million people worldwide. By placing principles before personalities we found ourselves as the only real source of information on Mr. Day during the Federal election. Health news from HIV Edmonton and other sources within the publication was beginning to reach people. We hosted a world class, openly gay artist, Steve Walker to our city for Pride Week. We kept within a standard set by introducing both sides to the story instead of doing what mainstream media does by only giving the purchased point of view.

2001 – Time to let people know about all those long-term commitments in our community. Being a quitter is not within the vocabulary of many people within our community. There is no person that is so far above everyone that they are not accountable. Allowing the word "discrimination" creep into our lives does dishonour to everything we have gained over the years. It took many people a lot of time and effort to build what we have in the Capital City. As a community we can celebrate with the realization that community groups are what make us strong. It is time to celebrate the lives of those gone and those with us after twenty years of AIDS. A number of strange turns have taken place since 1993. We have reached one million people so far this year via our Website. It continues to contain a pictorial and written history of our on going community. Copies of Times .10 Magazine are now contained in almost twenty archives around the world. Being a volunteer allows one to meet some wonderful people.

2002 – Do You want to Know a Secret? The understanding of what you are is the beginning of virtue.



Summer Wrap Up

*By Laurie Blakeman –
Liberal MLA*

The province's recent announcement regarding school-funding underlines once again this government's addiction to allowing the private sector to provide public sector services. As part of a million dollar injection of funding for Edmonton schools, the Klein government also indicated that it was considering building a junior-senior high school in Callingwood that would share space with a supermarket chain. For me, this is another example of the government's abdicating of its public responsibility. There has been some talk that students will work for the chain as part of their work experience program. I am worried that the corporation will have access to free labour, with the concomitant increase in profit with no need to make a commitment

to hire Albertans at a liveable wage.

This experiment in marrying private with public is of course nothing new for this government. The Klein conservatives have forced Universities to rely on corporations to fund programs. Indeed, if you go to the University of Calgary's business department, you would be hard pressed to find a room without a corporate sponsor. While this may be good corporate citizenry, I believe this may result in graduating students who are not taught to think outside the box, but merely to reiterate the status quo. This doesn't create innovative thinking.

For some, however, the biggest example of this dubious marriage is the increased privatization of long-term care facilities. A quick look to our neighbours to the south shows us how private companies can increase profits by cutting corners on long term care. Of particular concern is care of patients with dementia who can be easily confined, medicated and then ignored for long periods.

These are areas where the government is promoting partnerships by entering into contracts with corporations rather than doing its job. It doesn't help Albertans find job security and get a decent wage. It doesn't necessarily mean better service for those in need or a better education for our students. It's just another way of providing fewer services to Albertans with the faint promise of

lower taxes (and more user fees!).

FYI: There are four areas that the provincial government is reviewing this summer. It's looking at changes for all the Family Law Statutes, which includes the Intestate succession act, and a number of other laws, which would or could affect same sex couples. Also a review of the income benefit programs for AISH and SFI recipients; a review of the Police Act (looking to privatizing police services perhaps???) and finally the long awaited Gaming Review. Let my office know if you want to have some input into these reviews and we'll assist you in getting heard.

And hey, congrats to Edmonton Centre constituent Geoff for winning the first Edmonton Mr. Leatherman contest.

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Fringe Festival 2001

By Joe Achtemichuk

This year's addition is a very special one as the Fringe Festival turns 20. That's 20 years of great entertainment to come Edmonton's way. Over that time, The Edmonton Fringe has become the biggest Festival in North America and is the 2nd largest in the world. Not bad for a city that everyone writes off as boring and uneventful, but then again, who really pays attention

to people from Toronto....

This year's Fringe boasts over 1,500 shows and I'm here to preview one of them for you. The show is called, *"Place Commercial Here.... Drag Show"*, and will be performed at BYOV (Bring Your Own Venue) The Roost Nite Club, upstairs starting on August 17 thru 26.

In our crazy world of Commercialism and wild television shows like *"Kids in the Hall"*, *"Saturday Night Live"*, & *"Mad TV"*, it's taken all one step further in *"Place Commercial Here.... Drag Show"*. It's television like you've NEVER seen before.... The best show you're NOT watching....

Never before has a Fringe show had this much attitude.... Boldly voted this year's #1 Fringe show by ourselves.... Damn we're Good! Our attitude is that "We can only go down from here!..." Nothing is sacred to us; we spoof everything & everyone. We also had to sell our souls to sponsors and we shamelessly promote their products in inventive new ways. You will see wild re-creations of local and international television personalities & your favorite commercials, but with a twist...

Some of the performances include; Claire Martini, our local weather-woman who suffers from Tourette's

Syndrome, Lorraine Man Shhhhh....., our local anchor woman who is a speed freak, Sunny Baddoo, The bitchiest drag queen the world has ever seen, All rounded out by live performances of Tina Turner, Joan Rivers, Kermit The Frog, to name a few, and topped off with provocative & inventive drag numbers.

All in one Fabulous, Frivolous, Cabaret Extravaganza! This is the craziest show you'll see this summer.... A definite 5 star performance!!!!

Cast: Twiggy (James Ross), Kitten Kabootle (Scott Campbell), Bianca (James Decker)

We Can Win the War on AIDS

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I have seen these initiatives work. Like the volunteers I met at Hope Worldwide — a service organization in Soweto — millions of African citizens stand ready to do their part. Governments must do their part as well. Several weeks ago, at the urging of President Obasanjo of Nigeria, African leaders convened to launch a vigorous assault on AIDS. These developments are encouraging. But we can't fight this war on a shoestring budget.

Fortunately, we're moving in the right direction. Monday,

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan will formally ask the United Nations and nongovernmental organizations to commit \$10 billion annually to the war on AIDS. For mounting this bold and important initiative, he deserves our praise. Our support can make a difference. We can cut the death rate substantially just by furnishing simple medicines that stave off opportunistic diseases — for instance, tuberculosis, which accounts for 50 percent of AIDS-related deaths in Africa. It is essential that the United States commit its share of the war chest — approximately 22 percent of the total, equivalent to about 1 percent of the recently passed tax cut. To shirk this

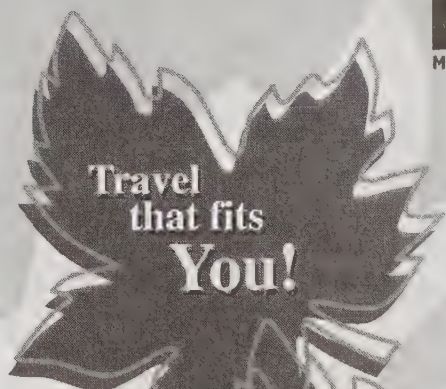
responsibility is to abdicate America's timeless role as a beacon of hope and promise. Moreover, we can afford to devote these resources. The price of neglect will be far higher over the long run.

With adequate funding and strong leadership, we can attack this disease comprehensively: by supporting prevention programs that drive down infection rates. By making pharmaceuticals, including medicines that block the transmission of HIV from mother to child, available at reduced costs; by developing a system to teach people how to administer these drugs and monitoring their efforts; and finally, by sustaining the scientific quest for a vaccine and a cure.

The question is no longer whether we can or can't win the war on AIDS. Of course we can. The question is: will we, or won't we? Besieged by a common enemy, we must join together in common cause—in memory of 22 million human souls, and for the future of many millions more. Our humanity requires it. In the profound words of Nkosi Johnson, "We are all human beings. We are the same."

The writer was 42nd president of the United States.

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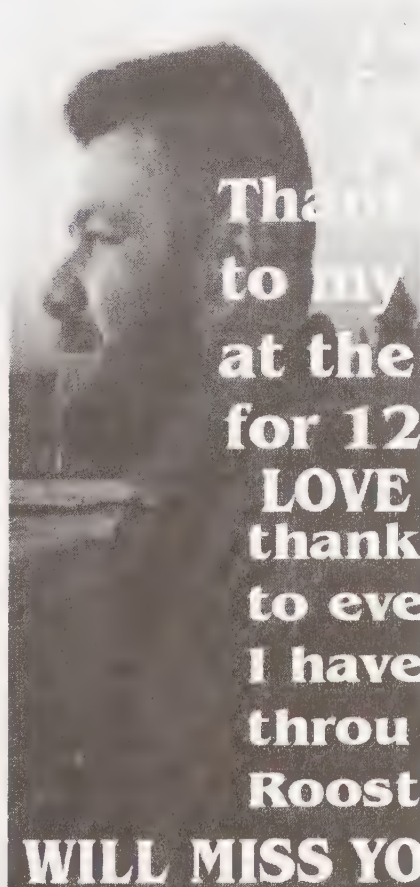
Youth U Youth \$643.91

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We are pleased that so many groups were able to participate and benefit from the Unity Party Dance held on the third Saturday of June at the beginning of Pride Week. A word of thanks goes out to all of the sponsors who assisted in many ways in making this a truly fun time. We thank The Roost Nite Club, Secrets, Buddys Nite Club, Pride Video, XTC Cruiseline, FM Systems, Vue Weekly and Times .10 Magazine for their support. Thanks also to Conrad from his Sugar Bowl Cyber Cafe on 124 Street for the fifty pounds of peanuts. Special thanks to Carl from the Roost who did the DJ work all night and to Terrance and Ian from Buddys along with Remi and Hank who stayed with the bar through it all.



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Outdoors in Siffleur Country

On Saturday, the ninth of June, members of the Outdoors Club headed west to Siffleur Falls on the David Thompson Highway, west of Nordegg.

Enroute we stopped at Rocky Mountain House, just as their parade for Rocky Rodeo Days was about to start. After a quick debate we decided that this town was not ready for a re-enactment of the flowing silver dress scene of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.

By noon we were heading up the trail along the Siffleur River through open parkland. At kilometre four we reached the first waterfall. The first is by far the largest of the three waterfalls. A thundering mass of churning water caressed the hard granite before plunging over the cliff. It is quite a sight!

Once past the first water falls, the trail narrows and the boreal forest becomes thicker. We reached the third waterfalls and set up camp. After a rest in the sunshine we explored further up stream to discover more trails and campsites for future journeys. We returned to the campsite for dinner after indulging in a brief water fight in a cold creek.

That evening we told stories

around a bright campfire that faded away to embers near midnight. There was something in the air that night, the stars were bright. They were shining there for you and me - for liberty. If I had to do the same again, I would. (Can you name that tune?)

Sunday was spent lounging near our campsite until noon. We hiked back to the trailhead, again pausing to admire the thundering first waterfalls. We returned to Edmonton by seven Sunday evening.

This trip provided apply opportunity to break in new equipment and to practice various hiking skills: stretching neglected muscles; rock hopping across creeks; climbing steep slopes; and cooking

over a camp stove.

Best quote of the trip: "Wow! That is big."

We return to David Thompson Country August 4th to 6th. Our first trip to Jasper is July 21 and 22. We head to Kananaskis Country in late August and in September.

If you are interested in joining one of our backcountry trips, feel free to contact the Outdoors Club by either phone 780-430-0759, or (preferably) e-mail at glb_outdoors@hotmail.com. A listing of current information, upcoming hike descriptions, and trip images are found at our website at http://www.geocities.com/glb_outdoors.

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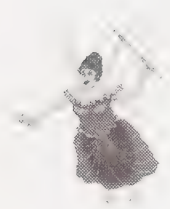


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Dear Doris:



When I'm driving I get so mad at the other drivers, how can I control my rage while behind the wheel?

Dear road Rage
My suggestion to

you would be masturbate before you go out; it relieves a lot of pressure.

Dear Doris

I am a big person and I was thinking of going to a nude beach. Do you think that I should go?

Dear nudist

Honey, whales should not beach themselves; oops, did I get the wrong interpretations?

Dear Doris

I am a 24 year old gay male and I am still not out to my parents. I have been with my partner for about years now I was just wondering if you had any advice for me

Dear Closet case

The best thing to do would be to ask your parents to go out for supper or have supper at your house and tell them. But this is really hard because everyone acts different, but I would ask them to supper.

Dear Doris

I have an online boyfriend. We have been together for about two months but we have not met in person but want to. How do I convince him to meet me?

Dear cyber lust

Just fucking ask him and if he does not want to, then he is 42 400lbs and still lives in his divorced mother's basement.

Dear Doris

I am a 47 year old gay male that is still a virgin and my problem is that I have not had the chance to have sex and I want it and want it really bad

Dear built up

The best thing for you to do is go down to Victoria Park and someone will come and fill your needs



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Arctic FrontRunners

We are a group of gay and lesbian runners that meets on Sunday mornings for a run on the river valley trail system. We are a recreational group and runners of all speeds are welcome. The length of our runs varies from about 7 to 10 km. We yak, laugh, and socialize during the runs and often go for brunch together

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afterward. During the spring, summer, and fall, we meet beneath the electronic sign at 87 Ave and 114 St on the University campus at 11:00 AM. For more information, call Bill at 436-7892.

AXIOS - Edmonton

AXIOS is an international organization of Eastern Orthodox and Eastern-Rite Catholic Gay and Lesbian Christians. Our mandate is to promote a greater understanding of human sexuality and spirituality within the Eastern Christian tradition. The AXIOS monthly newsletter is available via the Internet.

Badminton League

The badminton league is designed for men and women of all ages and experience. Players who are interested can participate in Calgary's Western Cup Tournament during the Easter Long Weekend. For further information, please contact Bruce at 453-1244 (email: cwbyteddy@powersurfr.com) or Dennis at 471-4409.

Bare Naked Boys Club of Edmonton - BNBCE

A naturist group of gay men in Edmonton interested in social nudity. This is not a sex club. Men of all ages welcome. Call Fred at 471-6993 and at the email address bnbc@interbaun.com

The B.E.A.R.S of

Edmonton

A group for hairy men and their admirers meet the first and third Saturday of each month 9:00 p. m. - 11:00 p.m. at Buddys Night Club. Or write us at #47, 10024-82nd Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6E 1Z3. Our email address is bears@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca. Our WebPages are: [Bears Edmonton](#)

Brethren Mennonite Council

For Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual concerns. This is a support community for gay, lesbian and bisexual Mennonites and friends. Contact Tim at 434-5360 or Heather at 987-4974. email address jonrach@msn.com

Dignity Edmonton

This Edmonton chapter is a support community for gay and lesbian Catholics and friends. Contact Bernard at 451-1794 or Joseph at 481-4218

Classics

A social group for lesbians over 40. Meetings on the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.. Call Donna at 456-1008

Edmonton PFLAG/T

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. Edmonton PFLAG/T promotes the health and well-being of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender persons, their families and friends through support,

education and advocacy. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at GLCCE. For information contact, Lynne at 462-5958 or e-mail: pflag@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca.

Edmonton Prime Timers

We are a chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, an international social organization for mature gay and bisexual men and their younger friends over 21. Our activities include: theatre nights, video nights, pub nights, Sunday brunches, and dining out. We meet the second Sunday of every month (except July and August) at 3:00 PM at the Unitarian Church of Edmonton (12530 110 Ave.) for a social period, a guest speaker, and an optional supper at a restaurant. For more information, contact Peter at 426-7019, Ron by e-mail at mercury@planet.eon.net, or better yet...join us at our monthly meeting.

Edmonton Rainbow Business Association (ERBA):

Gay men and Lesbians in business and our non-gay friends; Join us ...share your business knowledge, learn more, make new friends, network ... in positive, proud space where being yourself is the norm. Call Bill Faulkner for more information at 422 6207. Membership \$25.00/yr.

Edmonton Vocal

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Women and men of all sexual orientations dedicated to sharing and preserving the cultural heritage of the queer community. Everyone is welcome to join this mixed voice choir as either a singer or a support member. Come and sing your pride! For information: Telephone: (780) 479.2038, E-mail: evm@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca, on the web at: EVM, or write to PO Box 12091, Main Post Office Edmonton, AB T5J 3L2.

Equal=Alberta [Edmonton]

Equal=Alberta [Edmonton] is a group of concerned citizens working to ensure gay and lesbian Albertans remain protected under Alberta's Human Rights Legislation and to ensure equal treatment for all Albertans. Call: (780) 488-3234 Fax (780) 482-2855. By Email: equalalberta@hotmail.com

Free-To-Be Volleyball Association

The Association aspires to provide opportunities for our community to play volleyball in a supportive atmosphere. 1) C-Recreation - contact Rick at 474-6785; 2) Beach (summer) - contact Rick at 474-6785; 3) B-Intermediate - contact Darcy at 425-7316; Email: volleyball@queerseek.com Website: FTB Volleyball

Gay Men's Wednesday Coffee Evenings.

At 7:30 p.m. Cafe on Whyte at 10159 - 82 Avenue. This group fosters a safe,

comfortable environment for all its participants. At the same time, it discourages attendance solely for sexual relations. Join us to relax, share experiences, and establish friendships. There is no age limit. Tel: 780-463-2098 (Graham) E-mail: gaysapiens@yahoo.ca. Website: Coffee Evenings

Gay Men's Outreach Crew (GMOC)

GMOC is a peer education initiative for gay/bisexual men that works toward: preventing the spread of HIV among men who have sex with men, advocating for healthy lifestyle choices, and addressing social and health concerns by fostering self-esteem and gay positive attitudes. For information on GMOC workshops and other activities, please call Kirk at (780) 488-3234

HIV Network of Edmonton Society (HIV Edmonton)

HIV Edmonton works cooperatively with all those organizations in Alberta and across the country who are working to help limit the spread of HIV infection. HIV Edmonton utilizes a best practices Harm Reduction approach in Health Promotion, Advocacy and Support, as well as, maintaining an extensive Resource Centre for use by health practitioners, health promoters, community organizations and those infected and affected by HIV. For more information on the activities of HIV Edmonton, please call (780) 488-5742 or contact us by email at mail@hivedmonton.com. Visit our Website at HIV

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Illusions Social Club

A social club for Cross-dressers, Transsexuals and their supporters. We hold two socials each month, one on the second Thursday and one on the third Saturday. For more information, write to Illusions Social Club. Our mailing address is Box 1852, Edmonton, T5K 2P2; or phone 488-3234 on Tuesday evenings to talk to someone person to person.

Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose

The mission of the Court is to raise funds for charities and other organizations, which provide direct services to gay and lesbian individuals. Meetings of the Society are held at 8 PM on the last Wednesday of the month at the Garage. Our e-mail is: wildrosecourt@yahoo.com. Visit our Website is at: Wild Rose Court

ICARE Interfaith Centre for AIDS/HIV Resources & Education

Formerly Interfaith Association on AIDS, the purpose of Interfaith Centre is to enhance well-being by offering resources and opportunities for education to service providers and communities. This will lead to an increased understanding of the spiritual and psychosocial needs of those affected by HIV & AIDS. You can contact us at 780-448-1768 or by e-mail at

icarealberta@aol.com

Lambda Christian Community Church

We are a non-denominational evangelical Christian church. One of our primary goals is to provide a safe and affirming environment for all who desire to worship God. Lambda Community Church, 11148-84 Avenue (Garneau United Place) Edmonton, T6G 0V8. Call 474-0753. Weekly Sunday service at 7 p. m. e-mail at Lambdachurch@aol.com

Liatrix Society

An informal social group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and straight people who enjoy gardening and outdoor nature activities. For information, contact liatrixsociety@hotmail.com or William at 474-7328.

Liaison Committee, The

In June of 1993, Edmonton Police Service and the Gay and Lesbian community met for a liaison to promote an atmosphere of understanding and mutual respect. For more info, call Edmonton Police Service at 423-4567 or contact the committee at 421-2277

Living Positive

Emotional, spiritual and psychological support is available through Living Positive to all those affected by HIV infection. We offer strong, loving, confidential support. We also meet weekly and share our mutual experiences. Living Positive

Support Groups and Services

is entirely directed by and for people who share a common diagnosis of HIV+. Peer counseling, hospital visits and a speakers bureau are also available through our society. Phone 488-5768 or e-mail:

livepos@connect.ab.ca.

Long Yang Club Edmonton Chapter

We are an International organization for Gay-Asians and non-Asians. We are the worlds largest with chapters in 28 cities and 11 countries. Come and Join US! Contact us via Graham at 463-2098. Website: [Long Yang Club](#)

Lutherans Concerned: Edmonton

We are a spiritual community for lesbian, gay, bisexual and straight people. Lutherans Concerned gathers monthly for worship, sharing, and friendship. We offer individual support and a safe space for our own spiritual questions. Call 462-2146, or write P.O. Box 11095, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3K4 e-mail: luthconc@crossroadsedmonton.com

Making Waves Swim Club (MWSC)

Open to all who are interested in lane swimming in a Masters GLBT club, we provide coaching to all levels of swimmers – those wishing to learn, those wishing to improve stroke technique and those wishing

to train competitively. Drop in opportunity gives you flexibility to match your schedule. We swim at Bonnie Doon Leisure Centre, 8648 – 81 Street, Edmonton from September to June. Our members enjoy numerous social events arranged by the club. Please feel free to contact us to find out more information: 1. Web site: www.geocities.com/makingwaves_edm/swim.htm . 2. E-mail: makingwaves_edm@yahoo.com . 3. Phone: Warren @ 780.718.7598. We welcome new members – your first swim is free!

Metropolitan Community Church of Edmonton (M.C.C.)

No longer functioning.

NLA Edmonton

The National Leather Association is the largest and most active pansexual organization in the world. It serves the Leather, SM, Fetish communities. We are an all inclusive organization made up of fun-loving, caring, educated and focused people. Join us at our meetings held upstairs at The Roost, 10345-104 Street every 3rd Thursday of the month.

Northern Chaps

Edmonton's Leather - Fetish club for Gay, Lesbian, and straight men and womyn was established sixteen years ago. We strike to educate the rest of the

community through workshops, staged demonstrations and events in order to heighten awareness. Northern Chaps meets at Buddy's Nite Club the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. E-mail us at: Northernchaps@telusplanet.net

Northern Titans

Northern Titans International Bowling League meets every Wednesday and Saturday, September to April, at Gateway Bowling Centre. For more information, please call Garry Billett at (780) 426-6311. WebPages at: [Northern Titans](#)

O2 Curling

We meet on Fridays from 6-8 p.m. at the Granite Curling Club. All skill levels, singles or teams are welcome. Call 479-0211 or E-mail us at: ldeeka@hotmail.com

Open Door Club

Grant MacEwan College group. Anyone is welcome, including students, college employees, people from the area, perspective students, alumni or people who are interested in meeting other people. Our WebPages are at: [Open Door Club](#) or E-mail us at: opendoorclub@hotmail.com

Out at the Symphony

A unique social event for gay men. Meet other music lovers on Saturday evenings for concerts of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra Masters mini-

series 1. Enjoy special guest speakers, reserved cafe tables at intermission and post-show fun. Contact Paul at 428-1108 ext. 240 for more information.

Outdoors Club

Have you an an interest in backcountry hiking/camping? If so, the Outdoors Club is for you. Our purpose is to get people together for hiking/camping trips, primarily within the Rockies and surrounding area. The activities of this group will be member focused and member initiated. Individuals at all skill levels are welcome to participate. For information, please contact us at 780-430-0759 or e-mail: glb_outdoors@hotmail.com or visit our Webpage at [Outdoors Club](#)

OUTreach

OUTreach is a university-based organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals interested in an academic atmosphere. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at the second cup on campus. Topics vary from week to week. Additional information is available by e-mail: outreach@ualberta.ca. They also have a WebPage at [OUTreach U of A](#)

Team Edmonton

Team Edmonton - Gay Games Association is set up to provide an opportunity for persons interested in participating in the Gay Games through fund raising.

If you would like to be involved with Team Edmonton, call Johann at 437-0687.

Yours Mine Ours and Us

Parenting support group for glbt parents, partners. Meets the first and third Wed. of the month from 7 - 9 p.m. Small donations for room costs. Issues of parenting, sharing skills, coming out to kids, discipline etc. Call Liz at 415-5434 or Garry at 426-6311 for more information. This is peer support, not a therapy group, nor a dating service. WebPages at: [Yours Mine Ours Us](#)

Youth Understanding Youth

We meet every Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the gay and lesbian Centre of Edmonton, Suite 103, 10612-124 Street. A social support group for anyone under the age of 25 years. For more information, or to give your input, e-mail: yuyedm@hotmail.com. Our Webpages are at [Youth Understanding Youth](#)

Visions - Unitarian Church of Edmonton

We are an open, liberal religious community that value diversity and celebrate our Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered members. With us, you are encouraged with open mind and heart to form your own set of personal beliefs. Sunday services at 9:30am and 11:15am. 12530 - 110 Avenue Ph. 454-8073. For more information, call Mike at 482-6582.

Volleyball Recreation League

We meet every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at McCauley Elementary-Jr. High School, 9538-107 Avenue. Updates available at: [Volleyball Recreation](#)

Volleyball Intermediate League

We meet every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Londonderry Jr. High School, 7104-144 Avenue. Updates available at: [Volleyball Intermediate](#)

Womyn's Volleyball League

Free-To-Be Volleyball Association has initiated a womyn's only league for the first time this year. The season runs until May 28 and new members are welcome at any point. A drop-in fee of \$5 or a registration fee of \$35 is in effect. Monday nights 7 - 9 p.m. at Highlands Jr. High School (11509 - 62 St. - please use entrance off parking lot. For more information, please contact: Pam at 459-9370 p_mcewin@hotmail.com or Jenn at 424-5100 grnwolf@hotmail.com

Womonspace

We are a social and recreational society for lesbians in Edmonton. We hold monthly dances and other activities. Look for our monthly newsletter around town, or phone 482-1794. Visit our WebPages at [Womonspace](#)

Writers Club

There are several successful gay writers in Edmonton.

Many more write as a hobby just for the fun of it. The goal is to establish a Writers Club, which will encourage and support the serious writers of the future, and at the same time increase the pleasure of the hobbyists. The Writers Club meets biweekly on Mondays from 7:30PM to 9:30PM. For further information, location and the next meeting date, contact Graham 463-2098 or e-mail: gaysapiens@yahoo.ca. Website: [Writers Club](#)

Regional Organizations

AIDS Yellowknife

Website: [AIDS Yellowknife](#)

Freedom Fort McMurray

A social Support group for Gays/Lesbian/ Bisexual & Transgendered Persons and their friends. For information on upcoming events and inquiring into membership, please call our Freedom line (780) 799-GAY1 (4291). To speak directly with a welcoming committee member, call between 3-6pm on Tuesdays or

Thursdays. You may mail us at Freedom Fort McMurray c/o Money Mart Suite #1, 9713 Harding St. Fort McMurray, AB T9H 1L2.

Grande Prairie

Gay and Lesbian Community, Box 1492, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z3. E-mail: gpcayorg@hotmail.com

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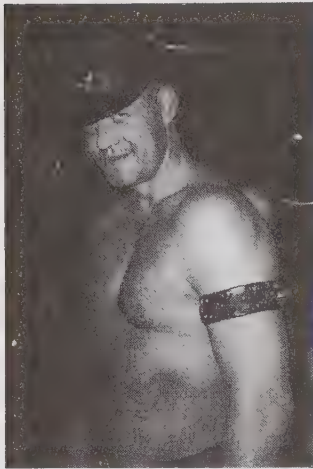
A support group for High School students. Our email address is nry13_18@hotmail.com. Any high school student can get more info by contacting their school guidance counsellor. If you want more info yourself, then you can call Crystal at (780) 790-0775 at work.

Out North

Box 2827, Yellowknife, NT., X1A 2R2, Phone line: 867-669-7279. WebPages: [Out North](#) E-mail: out_north99@hotmail.com

Your group can be listed here as a community service of Times .10. Please try to keep your listing updated. This is not the place to make announcements of upcoming events, just general information and a contact. E-mail your listing to groups@times10.org

A VIEW FROM THE TOPS



By Sir Michael and Sir Scott

In last months Times.10, Liz Massiah wrote an article entitled "The Issue of Leather and Sado-masochism". In it, she explored her view of a disease called Sado-masochism and by inference involved "Our Community".

This article will deal with clarifications of our community, from our viewpoint as Leather/SM

elders.

We ask, what personal experience have you had in Leather/SM genre?

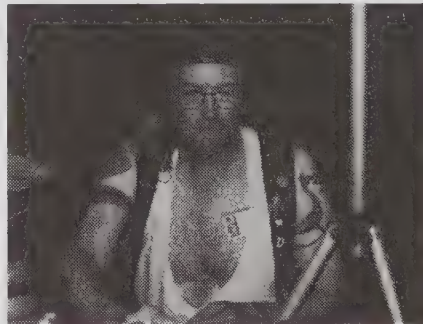
You mention in your article about power and control issues. What other way would be for the SM person to be? Your statement of power and control in a relationship has to be clarified, since every relationship has a dominant and a submissive. But here is one thing to think about and that is some who are the submissive in the relationship have more control then the dominant. We feel that your comparison to Hitler and the Master race is in poor taste and dangerous in that it causes a stereotype to emerge that has little to do with the reality of our community. What you have inferred is that SM is abuse without ever using the word.

What you have failed to mention even once is that in our play scenes we are talking about a limited time that is mutually agreed by both or all participants. We do stress that our play scenes are all safe, sane, and consensual.

You state that you base your article on the FULL TERM of Sado-masochism and not the abbreviated terms of SM, Leather, Kink. If this was the case, why did you title your article Leather and Sado-masochism. Why are you using the example of Master/slave that are terms used in the BDSM and D/s lifestyle

as well as Leather? You are comparing our community to a mental disorder. We can assure you and the rest of Edmonton that nothing could be further from the truth. Our community is generally well educated, self aware, and respectful of others, whether they are involved in the scene or not.

With your reference to basic training for the military and how men and women are treated, you are stretching things quite a bit when you relate them to Leather behaviour. In the military you make it or break it, which is considerably different from Leather play. In Leather scenes, the emphasis is for all participants to have fun. This can take many forms, which include military role-play as one of many possible scenarios. This alone makes it very different from military training. What makes it different is that it's a role-play



rather than a career.

Our concept of military training is kill or be killed. It is an intense 24/7 choice for life that very few of us can reasonably expect to achieve and understand; however, we are grateful that there are those who can, for they are the ones who protect our country, rights, and freedoms. Since they have made the choice to serve and protect our country,

should we not have the choice in how we play?

The members of the military are traumatized when returning from a tour of duty. Wouldn't you be if you knew at any second it was a kill or be killed situation? How would you feel knowing that you had to kill another human being? While this is a real life condition, it has no relevance to Leather, SM, Kink play. To reiterate the point, Leather Folk play by the three rules: Safe, Sane, and Consensual.

With the Queer as Folk and your comment about "informed consent" not being present in the show should be totally directed to the producers of the show about failing to educate the general public about the scene they were watching, because this then reflects badly on those to take pride in their Leather identity. However, expecting a soap opera to represent reality is completely unrealistic. Queer as Folk is pure entertainment. It is a soap opera for queers. It is similar to Dynasty and heterosexual behaviour.

If we had as much sex as those boys do on Queer as Folk, we would think of ourselves as blessed. However, we don't think we would be able to walk let alone hold a job.

Finally, you are assuming that there was no negotiation prior to the scene in question. We, however, assumed that there was negotiation based on how we behave and respect those

we are playing with in a scene. This shows that nothing should ever be assumed.

to enlighten and educate those who have difficulty understanding the diversity of our complete community. We



In conclusion, this discussion is far from over. People will always have differences of opinion and perception on this topic. We can only help

just wanted to point out that Sado-masochism and the Leather, SM, Kink are worlds apart in how you presented it.

Now that we have set the record

straight, our first Mr. Edmonton Leather contest was a resounding success. Well over 200 Leather Folk attended the contest and all had a great time if the rumour mill is to be believed. The contestants all made strong entries for the title; however only one person could be chosen to represent our community. We would personally like to thank each and every one of our contestants, sponsors, vendors and volunteers that made the event a great start to what is going to be an annual event for the Edmonton calendar. The contestants: Derek P. sponsored by the Village People, Chris E. sponsored by Times .10, Myron W. sponsored by Boots and finally our new Mr. Edmonton Leather Geoff W. sponsored by Buddys Night Club, all have to be

acknowledged for having the courage to "step up to the plate". A job well done by one and all. The executive and membership of Northern Chaps thanks you for your efforts.

Now, Northern Chaps will have a well-earned summer holiday and will start up again in September. Plans are already underway for the T2B workshop in November, our club anniversary in February, where we will combine our efforts with EOS to make a total leather weekend in the city, and finally, the second annual Mr. Edmonton Leather Contest.

Have a great summer everyone and remember to play safe.

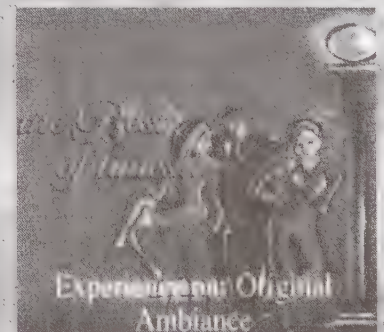
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The 2001 edition of the Greater Edmonton Pride Pages will have a new look. The format will remain a digest but will be glossy, with more colour, maps and increased opportunity for more in depth information about the services available in Edmonton's GLBT community. It will also be published twice a year if businesses show enough interest. This will enhance and increase usage of the directory by excluding outdated information and ensuring the earlier inclusion of new businesses and services. We apologize that the preparation of these details have taken longer than usual but our interest is to provide Edmonton with a quality publication that serves both the community and our advertisers well.

The Greater Edmonton Pride Pages is a huge undertaking that takes close to 1000 hours from start to finish. Yet it has remained a volunteer commitment to Edmonton's GLBT community. In this way we are able to keep advertising rates reasonable for the publication and are able to continue free distribution. The 2000 directory was well distributed in Edmonton through several venues all year long. It was available through the Public library and on-line thanks to Dennis Cambly and the Times .10 Website. It was distributed in 16 communities beyond Greater Edmonton from Ottawa to Vancouver. 3800 issues were distributed in the first four months after release and another 1000 over the course of the year. The balance was kept for use with potential advertisers as with years past.

The 2001 issue will again see a minimum of 5000 printed. Distribution will begin throughout Greater Edmonton with the balance distributed to communities beyond over the following two months. Directories will be available for pick up to any business that want them from the ICARE office at 702A-10242-105 St. (448-1768) in Edmonton. As well, GLCCE will have a generous supply as always. The Public Library and City Hall will also have directories.

There will be a couple of new features this year. The most significant feature will be the opportunity for community groups to purchase a *Community Snapshot* page for \$100.00. This will allow community groups to provide readers with a "snapshot" of their organization for readers and to provide details of their services and meeting times at a reasonable cost. This information will be available in the community for a full year and provides exposure for a prolonged period of time with a one-time expenditure. This will be particularly useful to people who are new to Edmonton or new to the GLBT community and wanting to know what's OUT there. Over the years I have heard many people who are just "out" or new tell me that the Pride Pages were there *map* to Edmonton's community. More than a name address and phone number, the *Community Snapshot* will give community organizations a place to "toot their horn!"

The other new feature is that the Directory will now be published twice a year if the response indicates interest. In order to facilitate this, we will offer a 30% discount on your ad or snapshot for the second issue that would be published in early January 2002. This discount will apply to all display ads and snapshot commitments. The price for line listing would remain the same.

It is our hope that this year's directory will be the best yet. We take PRIDE in providing our community with a quality directory that promotes our own businesses and services as well as those owned and operated by those who choose to serve us with honour and respect.

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Seize the Day

I have a friend who lives by a three-word philosophy: "Seize the moment." Just possibly, she may be the wisest woman on this planet.

Too many people put off something that brings them joy just because they haven't thought about it, don't have it on their schedule, didn't know it was coming or are too rigid to depart from their routine.

I got to thinking one day about all those women on the Titanic who passed up dessert at dinner that fateful night in an effort to cut back. From then on, I've tried to be a little more flexible.

I cannot count the times I called my sister and said, "How about going to lunch in a half hour?" She would gasp and stammer, "I can't. I have clothes on the line. My hair is dirty. I wish I had known yesterday, I had a late breakfast, it looks like rain. And my personal favorite: -"It's Monday". She died a few years ago. We never did have lunch together.

Because (North) Americans cram so much into their lives, we tend to schedule our headaches. We live on a sparse diet of promises we make to ourselves when all the conditions are perfect:

We'll go back and visit the grandparents when we get Stevie toilet-trained. We'll entertain-when we replace the living-room carpet.

We'll go on a second honeymoon when we get two more kids out of college. Life has a way of accelerating as we get older. The days get shorter, and the list of promises to ourselves gets longer. One morning, we awaken, and all we have to show for our lives is a litany of "I'm going to," "I plan on" and "Someday, when things are settled down a bit."

When anyone calls my 'seize the moment' friend, she is open to adventure and available for trips. She keeps an open mind on new ideas. Her enthusiasm for life is contagious. You talk with her for five minutes, and you're ready to trade your bad feet for a pair of Rollerblades and skip an elevator for a bungee cord. My lips have not touched ice cream in 10 years. I love ice cream. It's just that I might as well apply it directly to my hips with a spatula and eliminate the digestive process. The other day, I stopped the car and bought a triple-decker. If my car had hit an iceberg on the way home, I would have died happy.

Now...go on and have a nice day. Do something you WANT to, not Something on your SHOULD DO list.

If you were going to die soon and had only one phone call you could make, who would you call and what would you say? And why are you waiting?

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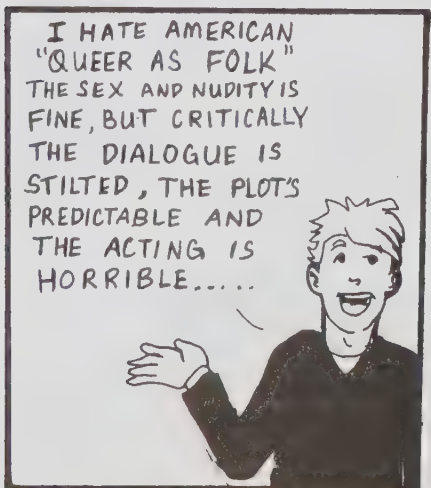
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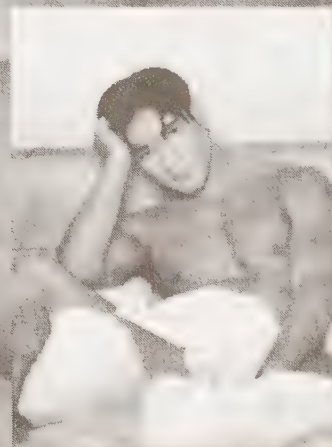
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Speaking Of Normal

*By Liz Massiah, MSW,
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*And Gordon Portman,
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Last issue we addressed our thoughts to sado-masochistic sexual practices. Interestingly, the same issue contained an article about consent in "Kink".

Co-incidence? Only Dennis knows for sure.

And now, as the saying goes, "for something completely different" ...a column based in part on a verse from the Old Testament in the Bible.

Someone I have known for quite a while, and grown to respect deeply for his integrity and commitment, recently gave me a wee book called "The Prayer of Jabez" by Bruce Wilkinson. The philosophy of both the book

and the prayer it examines is anchored in the proselytizing fundamentalist Christian end of the spiritual spectrum, and it's my experience that that is not a place of comfort or safety for most of us who are non heterosexual, non male and so forth. But out of respect for the gift giver I read the book.

While I remained unhappy, for the most part, about the suggestions in the book of giving oneself over to perpetuating and supporting financially what I see as a cult-like group that seems to exist solely for the betterment of the folks who

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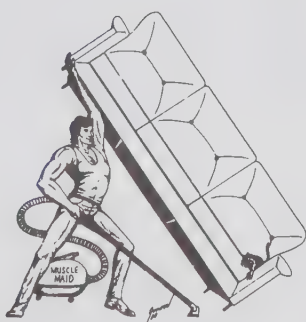
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agree with its particular, and IMHO rather narrow world view, nevertheless I found the verse that the book is based on interesting:

And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "*Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, and that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!*" So God granted him what he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:10.

This piece of writing intrigues me for several reasons, some of which might seem relevant to this post Pride time of reflection.

In the first place, it seems that what is being said here is that it is fine and indeed necessary to ask for what we need ... that knowing what is important to us, from the most lofty self-actualizing thoughts (hopes for total disarmament and world peace) to the most pragmatic needs (having enough money to pay the rent and eat well) is valid and worthy of being spoken about. It may be, in fact, that that is in fact the unwritten subtext for any

kind of prayer: it's okay to ask.

But to look at it a little deeper: honest requests for that which would fulfill our own needs and wants are extremely important to our emotional well being. Indeed, one of the hallmarks of health is knowing that we can make those requests, even if for some reason it is not possible for those needs to be met. We need to be able to "say the words out loud", be it to God, to a partner (who might be physically and immediately able to fill those needs) or be it to just put them out there so that they can float in the air, almost in order to make them visible to both speaker and listener. In other words, saying the words out loud makes things, and the possibility of achieving those things, a little more real, and the more real we can make our own needs, the more likely we are to see them fulfilled.

On some levels, the phrase "enlarge my territory" brings to mind a sales territory, and evokes images of greed. On the other hand, it also makes me think about the possibility of having more choices, more real options in life, more possibilities for change. In other words "enlarge my field of vision" or "enlarge my range of acceptance or understanding or tolerance". As a result, when we look at our lives with that sort of open-ness, we are, I think, more able to stay away "from evil" and not "cause pain", of the

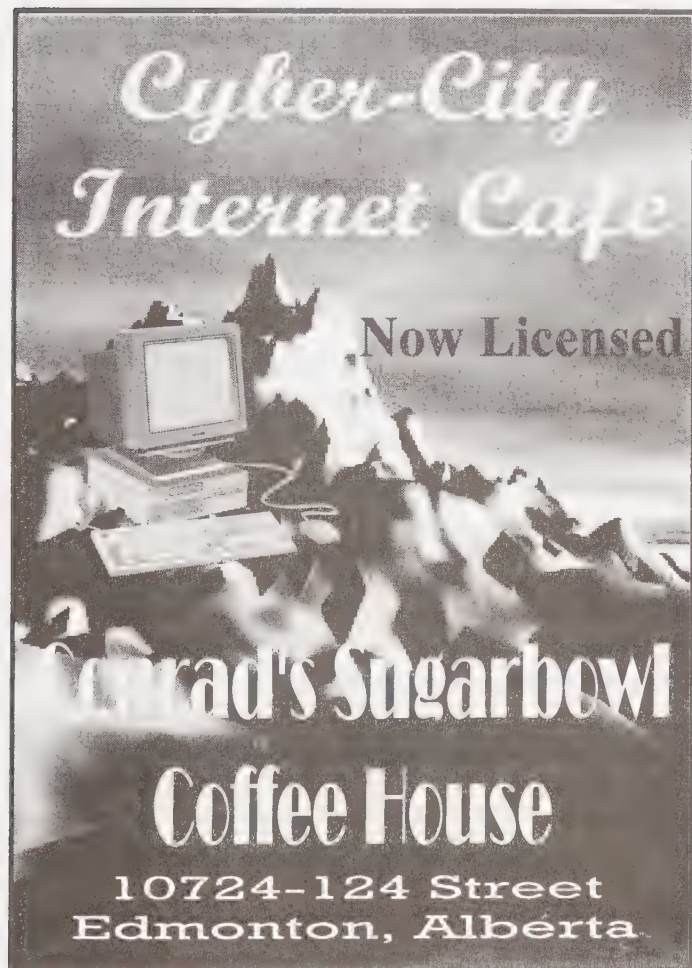
physical, emotional and/or spiritual sort. In other words, the more open we are, the less likely we are to behave in a closed, negative way.

Finally, as we reflect on Pride Week and/or on Stonewall Day (June 27), it may be that on some level we might come to realize that what we strive for and celebrate is much the same as what Jabez called for in his prayer, which basically amounts to safety and freedom and right action. As such, I can't help but wonder what Stockwell Day and his cronies would think of us using this piece of scripture to ponder on what it really means to march down Jasper Ave on a Saturday afternoon. Good heavens ... we all want fair choices, healthy safety and to do no evil, to ourselves or to others. We might not be so different after all.

Interesting how in the end everything seems to intersect and how much of what we fuss over, fight over, demand and withhold is really just window dressing.

Have a great summer.

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Poor Results for Record Surplus

By Ken Nicol
Leader – Official Opposition

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The Alberta Government failed to provide Albertans with a sustainable fiscal plan based on

good budgetary practices in 2000/01.

This government doesn't plan ahead



and doesn't stick to its budget. This means it is spending more taxpayer dollars without reference to the performance indicators as set in the initial budget.

The Government released its 2000/01 Annual Report today. Revenue for the government was \$7.1 billion or 37% higher than originally projected in Budget 2000/01. This increase was due, in large part, to realized natural resource revenue that was 162% above the Budget 2000 forecast.

Rather than sticking to its pre-determined Budget, the government decided to use this realized revenue to increase overall spending by \$1.7 Billion.

The current government likes to pretend that the increased spending is only 'one-time spending'. However, I don't think such a thing exists. One time spending just leads to greater costs down the road. New roads and buildings require maintenance and program funding can't simply be turned on and off like tap

water. Albertans need predictable long-term funding of infrastructure.

While the government increased its unbudgeted spending for 2000/01, the performance measures continued to tell us little about how this money was spent or how it improved the system.

Despite the increase in unbudgeted spending, the government continued to miss, or leave under construction, many of its performance measures and targets. The 8 performance measures and target failures during 2000/01 bring the total number missed over the past three years to 25.

The following are examples of the government's sub-standard performance:

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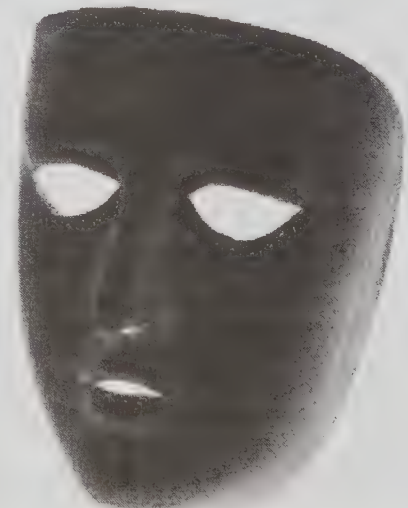
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Government targets for "Economic Status of Children" are still undeveloped after two years.

Economic Development

Government targets for business innovation are still undeveloped after three years.

Cost of Government

Per capita expenditures as a percentage of the nine other provinces was above the government's target of 95%.

Workplace Climate

Person-days lost due to work stoppages not only increased from last year but also failed to meet the government's target to be among the three lowest of all the provinces.

Education

For the second year in a row, the percentage of Albertans between 25-34 years of age

reporting post-secondary completion continues to be below the national average.

Social Needs

Government targets for "Albertans unable to provide for their basic needs will receive help" are still undeveloped after four years.

Besides failing to fully meet these performance measures, many of the government's targets don't explain how money is being spent. There seems to be no relationship between the targets and the performance of the public sector. Sinking unbudgeted money back into the system without a plan means that expenditures are not being justified and performance measures are not being met. It's clear that this government is not managing Albertans' money wisely.

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Transgendered...

Are you?

By Ms. Rebecca

Well here we go. A new column dedicated to all that fit under "Transgendered". So are you? Do you live as transsexual, maybe a transvestite or love soft sexy clothes as much as I do. Well time to come out of the closet (yes again) and live. This column is going to be informative, sometimes funny but at the very minimum something useful. Since I get a lot of information from what I deem to be reliable sources don't slam me if I am politically incorrect and by all means email me if you think my panties are twisted.

Sexual Identity and Gender are similar in some ways and very different in others. Both refer to how one thinks of a person. Gender roles refer to the clothing, behaviors, thoughts, feelings, relationships, etc., which are considered appropriate or inappropriate for members of each sex. First impressions are often based just upon your face. That which is first seen in an initial contact is frequently what defines you. It establishes not only who you are, but often what you

are as well. Perhaps nothing is more important to you than appearing sexually the same as you feel emotionally.

Some definitions:

CD = Cross dresser. A male who expresses his feminine side, and often gets satisfaction, by dressing in the clothes of the opposite sex. Most CD's are private, and don't disclose their desire to be in woman's clothing. It's a way to get them to like themselves; in the way they want to be liked, without anyone knowing about their inner feelings.

DQ= Drag Queen. A male who dresses as a female to attract other men. Drag queens sometimes perform as female impersonators in nightclubs. (gee do ya think!!)

G.I.D. = Gender Identity Disorder. The medical definition of a transsexual. Gee I hate labels like this but it works to make the doctors jobs easier I guess.

TG = Transgendered. An umbrella term used to describe the full spectrum of "gender-benders," that includes transvestites and transsexuals. It is also used to describe someone in between a TV and TS. In

other words, someone who identifies with the female gender but may or may not live full-time and does not want surgery.

TV = Transvestite - TV's can be straight, bi or gay, just expressing themselves, and having a good time going out to show everyone that there can be a different way of life, and of having fun. An extension of cross-dressing, the TV is a public girl, and doesn't mind showing everyone her feminine side. And some I have seen do a damn fine job. You go girl!!

TS = Transsexual. A person who has a deep core feeling that they were born with the body of the wrong

sex. A transsexual is a person with the condition known as Gender Dysphoria Syndrome, a psychiatric term which means "feelings of conflict and discomfort felt by a person due to the anatomical gender of their body".

So in the next few months we will cover all aspects of Transgendered lifestyle, skin care, makeup, "girl get rid of that outfit", getting vogue and getting it right. I will hit on hormones, lifestyles and how to get it all together. Other this and more topics can be found at <http://www.othersidesalon.com> for all Transgendered topics. Have a great summer...



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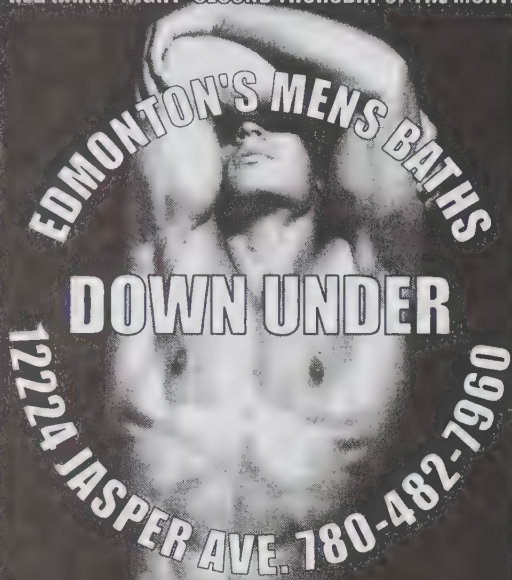
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The clerk looked at his picture closely. "It's okay," he reassured the man. "That's how you're going to look when the cops pull you over anyway."

Blow Holes

Two whales, a male and female, are swimming off the coast of Japan when the male whale looks up and sees the whaling ship that killed his father 5 years ago. Excited at the opportunity to avenge his father's death, the male whale says to the female "Let's go underneath the ship and blow air through our blow holes. That ought to knock their boat over, and make them think twice about killing innocent whales."

The female whale agrees, and the plan works perfectly. Once the whaling ship has completely sunk, the male whale notices that most of the sailors are making their way back to the shore by either swimming or in lifeboats. Not willing to let them get away so easily, the male whale yells "They're going to shore - Let's go gobble them up!"

Just then, the female whale becomes less cooperative: "HEY!", she says, "I agreed to the blow job, but there is NO WAY I'm swallowing seamen!"

Bulls Auction

This couple goes to an agricultural show way out in the countryside a fine Sunday afternoon and are watching the auctioning off of bulls. The guy selling the bulls announces the first bull to be auctioned off, "A fine specimen, this bull reproduced 60 times last year!" The wife nudges her husband in the ribs and comments, "See! That was more than 5 times a month!" The second bull is to be sold, "Another fine specimen, this wonder reproduced 120 times last

year!" Again the wife bugs her husband, "Hey, that's some 5 times a month. What do you say to that?" Her husband is getting really annoyed with this comparison. The third bull is up for sale, "And this extraordinary specimen reproduced 365 times last year!" The wife slaps her husband on the arm and yells, "That's once a day, every day of the year! How about you?" The husband was pretty irritated by now and yells back, "Sure, once a day! Great! But, you ask the auctioneer if they were all with the same cow!"

Grin and Wear It

So Jimmy went to confession, on Saturday morning. Bless me father for I have sinned. What have you done my child? Oh father, my boyfriend and I made love 5 times last night, what do I do to cleanse my soul? My son, I want you to go home squeeze 4 lemons in a glass and drink the juice. Will that cleanse my soul father? No but it will take that stupid grin off your face.

Checking the Axle

An older man had met a younger woman, but unfortunately he was unable to last very long before he would orgasm during sex. A caring man, he was concerned that he was disappointing his new lover, so he called his doctor. The doc told him that masturbating before sex often helped men last longer during the act.

The man decided, "What the hell, I'll try it." He spent the rest of the day thinking about where to do it. He couldn't do it in his office. He thought about the restroom, but that was too open. He considered an alley, but figured that was too unsafe. Finally, he realized his solution.

On his way home, he pulled his truck over on the side of the highway. He got out and crawled underneath as if he was examining the truck. Satisfied with the privacy, he undid his pants and started to masturbate. He closed his eyes and thought of his lover. As he grew closer to orgasm, he felt a quick tug at the bottom of his pants not wanting to lose his mental fantasy or the orgasm, he kept his eyes shut and replied, "What?"

He heard, "This is the police. What the hell are you doing?" The man replied, "I'm checking out the rear axle, it's busted." The cops says, "Well, you better check your brakes, because your truck rolled down the hill 5 minutes ago."

High Tech

Lewis's cousin, the farmer, ordered a high-tech milking machine. Since the equipment arrived when his wife was out of town, he decided to test it on himself first. So, he inserted his penis into the equipment, turned the switch on and everything else was automatic.

Soon, he realized that the equipment provided him with as much pleasure as his wife did. When the fun was over, though, he quickly realized that he couldn't remove the instrument from his penis. He read the manual but didn't find any useful information. He tried every button on the instrument, but still without success. Finally, the farmer decided to call the supplier's Customer

Service Hot Line. "Hello, I just bought a milking machine from your company. It works fantastic, but how do I remove it from the cow's udder?" "Don't worry," replied the customer service rep, "The machine will release automatically once it's collected two gallons."

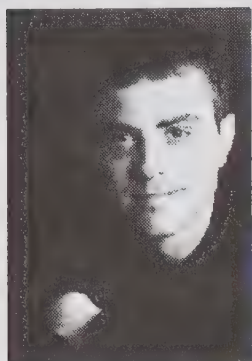
Grin and Bare It

A Sunday school teacher was speaking to her class one Sunday morning and she asked the question, "When you die and go to Heaven, which part of your body goes first?" Suzie raised her hand and said, "I think it's your hands." "Why do you think it's your hands, Suzie?" Suzie replied, "Because when you pray, you hold your hands together in front of you and God just takes your hands first!" "What a wonderful answer!" The teacher said.

Now, Little Johnny raised his hand and said, "Teacher, I think it's your legs." The teacher looked at him with the strangest look on her face. "Now, Little Johnny, why do you think it would be your legs?" "Little Johnny said, "Well, I walked into Mommy and Daddy's bedroom the other night. Mommy had her legs straight up in the air and she was going, "Oh God, I'm coming! If Dad hadn't had her pinned down, we'd a lost her for sure."

Becoming Ourselves

Queer Fix



By Shawn Mooney

A few weekends ago I went out to a gay bar all by myself. The club wasn't that busy, but I didn't care. I sat down alone at a booth, smoked, sipped my tonic water and watched people. I saw a sexy older guy, probably sixty. He was in black dress pants and a trendy short-sleeved black shirt. Nearly bald, what was left of his hair shaved close?

He looked sexy. I didn't want to sleep with him, but it was fascinating to watch him shimmy on the dance floor. There was nothing put-on, no trying-to-be-younger-

than-he-was shtick. He was just sexy. I so needed to witness that.

And I watched a yummy young lad in skin-tight plastic pants. Those trousers left little to the imagination, let me tell you.

As I got cruised by another guy whom I was not attracted to, I played with the muscles in my mouth, trying not to freeze the smile off my face. It didn't quite work; that will take



practice. I would love it if we gay men came up with radically new social behaviors. How about if we all smiled and acknowledged each other as a matter of course, devising other ways of indicating sexual interest or disinterest?

Like, speaking our desires aloud, or something. I wonder what the energy of a gay bar would be like then?

I sat there with my half-frozen smile, remembering an anecdote in Greg Flood's *I'm Looking For Mr. Right, But I'll Settle For Mr. Right Away*: frustrated with the superficial, cruisy dynamics of a gay bar, some men organized an ice cream social at a park as an alternative to the scene. And what happened? Dozens of guys showed up, stood around and licked their ice cream cones and...cruised one another.

I watched luscious young men dance. I thought about the young gay men I've befriended here and, via the Internet, the world over; how those connections educate my heart. I thought about the fact that I met none of them at a gay bar. I watched the nubile hotties dancing before my eyes, all strangers to me. I imagined that each and every one has as

interesting and meaningful an inner life as the young men I know and adore.

"Eye candy" doesn't begin to cover it.

As the energies of sex, coldness, romance and friendship swirled around and in me, my eyes welled up. The unknown men surrounding me had probably struggled at least somewhat like me, struggled to love themselves enough to actually arrive on this side of the door.

And here we all were. *Now what?* I asked myself, scrunch-faced against happy-sad tears. *Now what might be possible?*

It depends, came an answer. *How much beauty—and what flavors of joy—shall you allow to pass through you like breath?*

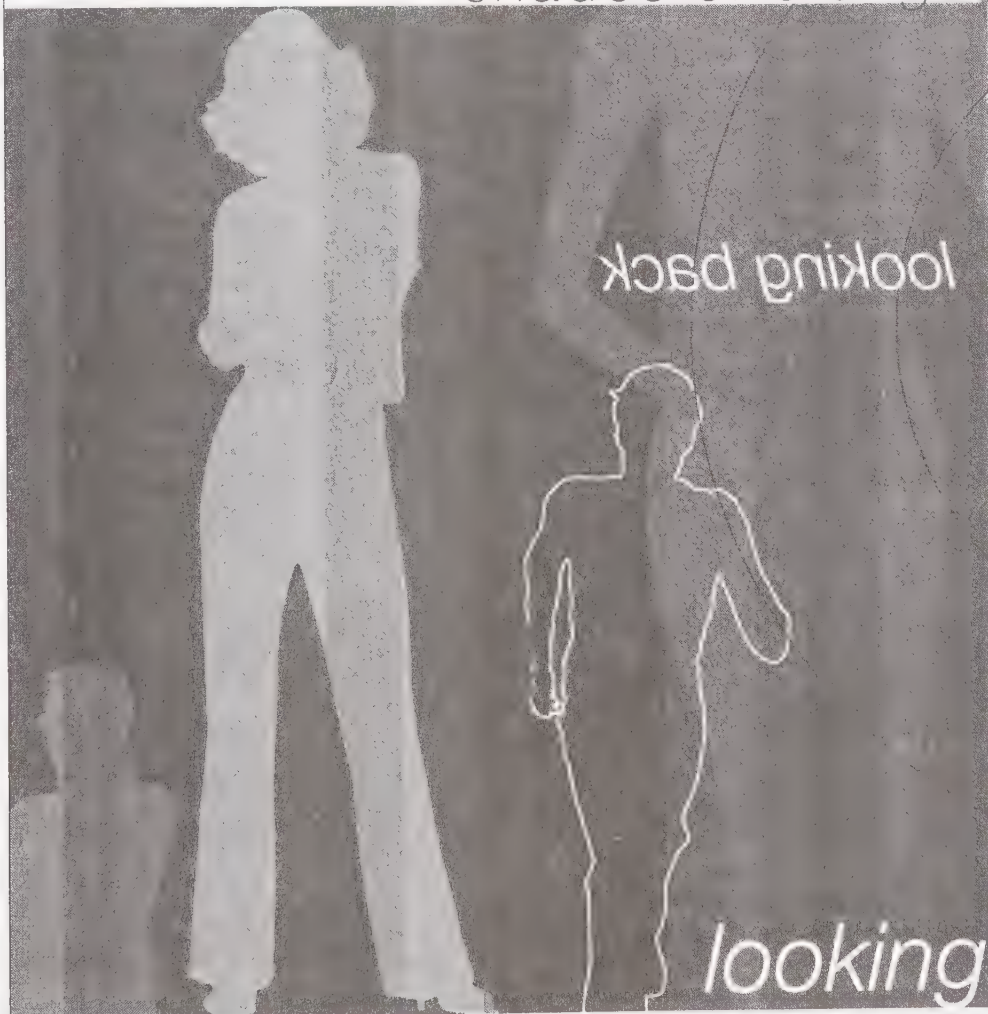
(Shawn Mooney is moving to Vancouver this fall and everyone at Times 10 Magazine wish him well. We hope to hear from Shawn from time to time as he moves into uncharted territory. He can still be reached at mooneys@telusplanet.net.)

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It's hard to believe the court of Edmonton is celebrating its Silver Jubilee and that we are the oldest continuous running gay organization in Alberta.

This year's entertainment at the Ball promises to be

spectacular with city businesses and organizations competing with our sisters from visiting courts for a \$1000.00 cash prize for the best production number. Campaigning for Emperor and Empress 26 begins shortly, so watch out for a wild summer.

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Winnipeg. The friends we met are coming to Edmonton in August to entertain YOU!

Oh yea, back to the thank yous - first and foremost a big hug to Times 10 and Dennis Cambly for allowing us this article every month to spread our cheer and gossip, also thanks for the crazy bingo and door prizes. To all the bar owners and staff (past and present) who allow us into their venues to raise funds, CHEERS TO YOU ALL! Boots, Buddys, Secrets, the Roost and now Fly Bar; over the years your generosity has been

incredible and greatly appreciated. To all the businesses in Edmonton who continue to aid our causes, you are our unsung heroes! To all the other organizations that we have had the pleasure of doing events with, always remember we are but a phone call away if you need our help. To Northern Chaps, Alberta Women's 8 Ball Association, Making Waves Swim Club, Northern Titans Bowlers, the Curling League, the Volleyball League, GLCCE, Youth

Understanding Youth, PFLAG-T and so many others, thank you for all your help and the great friendships forged.

The biggest appreciation possible goes to our fellow court members who unselfishly put in thousands (yes thousands) of hours of their time in helping us make Edmonton a better place to live. And last, but not least, thank you to everyone in our fair city for letting us represent you and supporting us every day this year. Nothing goes unnoticed, sometimes just not acknowledged enough.

(Again insert shameless self-promotion) Watch for a few more fundraisers this summer including a \$1,000.00 cash prize raffle; tickets available everywhere court people hang out, and the 2001/02 Drag Queen Calendar only \$10 featuring the best of Edmonton's Drag community. Also the ISCWR proudly presents "Entertainer of the Year" Friday, July 6, 2001 upstairs at the Roost; show time 11 (no drag time).

I hope the 25th House Under Millicent, the Celebration Court and Ron and myself have done you proud and hope to see you at all the activities leading up to the ball.

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Last Words, First Words

The 2001 Pride Parade went off without a hitch—and no rain! Again the number of entrants grew and when all were added up, I believe that there were over 1000 in the parade! The highlights of the kick off were a first time appearance by the Justice Minister Anne McLellan and return of MLA Laurie Blakeman representing the provincial Liberals, as well as being one of the esteemed judges.

Certainly this year's biggest thrill was rounding the corner from

111th Street onto Jasper Avenue—hundreds of onlookers lined the parade route! I would guess that in all 3 or 4 thousand people watched the parade from the sidewalk, coffee shops, and high-rise balconies! And setting the pace for the parade was 'Vanity Fair' followed by our honorary marshals, Rev. Bert and Evelyn Frey. This year's event was a real celebration and 2002 will be even more fun! Last words—a great parade!

Although many Times.10 readers think of July and August as a lazy, slower time of the year, for me the summer will be just the opposite! On June 3 I announced that I would seek re-election to represent Ward 4 in October's election and am now in the midst of campaigning. I started 'door knocking' a couple of weeks ago and will continue throughout the summer. Currently I am putting together a campaign team and looking for an office to rent for the campaign—thus it is a busy summer for me.

The decision to run again was made after I looked over some of the things that I accomplished over the last three years as well as looking ahead as to what I think I hope to accomplish over the next three years. My vote to keep Epcor a public utility, the extension of the LRT southward and a partial ban on smoking are some of the highlights of the last term. For Ward 4, the rejection of the proposed Varscona Theatre on Whyte Avenue was an extremely important 6-5 vote that I was pleased with. In addition, I helped bring the 2000 Communities in Bloom National Awards to Edmonton and then applauded as Edmonton took first place in the large city category. This past term, I have also been heavily involved with advocating for federal and provincial dollars for homelessness and have had success in the last 2 city budgets in getting additional dollars to increase DATS service for the disabled.

Ahead for the 2001-2004 years, I am interested in the city adopting a 'smart growth' policy that would emphasize the redevelopment of downtown and core neighborhoods and the completion of partially built neighborhoods before starting new neighborhoods. I also think that the city must actively preserve natural areas on the fringes of the city before they are developed. It is also important that the city extend its trails and bike paths and continue efforts to make the city look more attractive and inviting.

To help, check out my campaign website or phone number. I am in need of volunteers as I hope to again represent many Times.10 readers who live in Ward 4. First words—get out and vote on October 15.

(Michael Phair's campaign website www.mphair.net, campaign phone 424-3441. For information or questions about the city, contact Councilor Michael Phair at 496-8146, fax at 496-8113 or e-mail michael.phair@gov.edmonton.ab.ca)

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Men Make a Difference

All over the world, women find themselves at special risk of HIV infection because of their lack of power to determine where, when and how sex takes place. What is less recognized, however, is that the cultural beliefs and expectations that make this the case also heighten men's own vulnerability. HIV infections and AIDS deaths in men outnumber those in women on every continent except sub-Saharan Africa. Young men are more at risk than older ones: about one in four people with HIV are a young man under the age of 25.

Part of the effort to curb the AIDS epidemic must include challenging harmful concepts of masculinity and changing many commonly-held attitudes and behaviours, including the way men view risk and how boys are socialized to become men. Broadly speaking, men are expected to be physically strong, emotionally robust, daring and virile. Some of these expectations translate into ways of thinking and behaving that endanger the health and well being of men and their sex partners. Other behaviours and attitudes, on the contrary,

represent valuable potential that can be tapped by AIDS programmes.

Focusing the Campaign on men also acknowledges the fact that men are often less likely to seek health care than women. Except in a handful of countries, men have a lower life expectancy at birth and

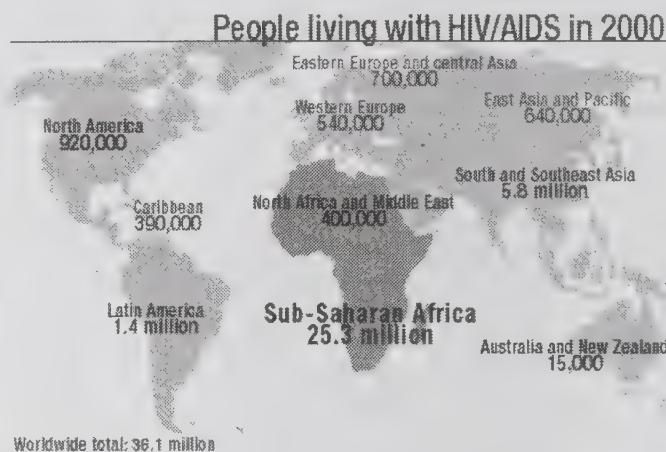
own and their primary partners' risk of contracting HIV. More men than women inject drugs and are therefore more likely to infect themselves and others through the use of unsterilized equipment. And many men who have sex with other men do not know how to protect

environments such as the military may be strongly influenced by a culture that reinforces risk-taking including unsafe sex. And in some all-male institutions such as prisons, men who normally prefer women as sex partners may have unsafe sex with other men.

At the same time, a balance needs to be struck between recognizing how men's behaviour contributes to the epidemic and recognizing their potential to make a difference. As politicians, as front-line workers, as fathers, as sons, as brothers and friends, men have much to give. Men need to be encouraged to adopt positive behaviours, and to play a much greater part in caring for their partners and families.

Studies worldwide show that men generally participate less than women in caring for their children.

All this does not mean an end to prevention programmes for women and girls. Rather, the Campaign aims to complement such programmes. Work that enhances gender awareness and sensitivity should focus on the needs of both sexes. The Campaign is designed to provide material for national and local organizations to create their own campaign based on Men Make a Difference but responding to local priorities.



higher death rates during adulthood than women. But boys who are brought up to believe that "real men don't get sick" often see themselves as invulnerable to illness or risk. This is reflected in the under-use of health services by men. Greater attention must be given to the health needs of men, including those living with HIV and AIDS.

There are sound reasons why men should become more fully involved in the fight against AIDS. All over the world, men tend to have more sex partners than women, including more extramarital partners, thereby increasing their

themselves or their partners. Secrecy, stigma and shame surrounding HIV compound the effects of all these risk behaviours. The stigma surrounding HIV may prevent many men and women from acknowledging that they have become infected.

A number of special circumstances place men at particularly high risk of contracting HIV. Men, who migrate for work and live away from their families may pay for sex and use substances, including alcohol, as a way to cope with the stress and loneliness of living far from home. Men in all-male

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long term relationships

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Box 2129: I'm Jason, looking for a man to spend some time with. Someone who's not afraid to try new things. Will jump up in a karaoke bar and decide to sing. Go to the country on the spur of the moment and have a picnic. I like camping, hiking, going to the valley, quiet times at home, maybe a candle light dinner, watching movies or lying back and listening to music.

Box 2165: I'm David, I used to be an escort. I quit doing that 11 months ago. I have brown hair, blues, 5'7", 130lb, well-hung (above 9") and I'd like to meet some people.

Box 2227: Trying to find a decent compatible guy these days is not an easy task, something like buying a lottery ticket. I believe there's got to be some decent guys out there that are looking for more than just the obvious. I'm a professional, 42 years old and recently moved back to my hometown of Edmonton. I'm kind of an Eddie Bauer guy, 6', slim, brown hair and eyes. I'm optimistic, down-to-earth, funny, caring, easy-going, and I'm a bit of a slugger. I have a wide variety of interests including gardening, cooking, hiking, and running. Music is a great passion as well, from folk, jazz, opera, Broadway. I also like to work on my house. I try to live a simple life and aspire to be self-sustaining one day. I'm looking for a guy with similar interests. Someone who is honest, attentive, a good communicator and a man with a good heart and great character.

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Box 2250: I'm a mid-30s male, 6'3", 115lb, looking for a stable, longterm relationship and would like to meet somebody funny, honest, sincere and stable. Like me. I'm looking for someone who knows what he wants and is ready to settle down.

casual encounters

Box 2103: This is Katie, brown hair, blue eyes, 180lb, smooth shaven, clean, more of a bottom than a top, want to go both ways, nice cute ass, available during the week at night. I like to play hard, crossdressing, panties, nylons. I'm in the Edmonton area and have transportation and can entertain.

Box 2130: Looking for guys who are serious about connecting. I'm masculine, good-looking, fit, work out regularly. Love to deep throat big cock, get bent over and fucked hard. I'm 5'10", 160lb, 40, can entertain downtown.

Box 2159: I'm Jeff, 40, 5'8", 150lb, tanned, 7" out, bottom, hot ass and mouth, very submissive. Do you want to use me?

Box 2212: I'm David, used to be an escort. I quit that 11 months ago. I'm gay, 5'7", 130lb, brown hair, blue eyes, well-hung, above 10", I like mean, bossy guys.

Box 2224: Mid-20s jock couple, muscular, one 165lb, 5'10", the other 5'9", 145lb, defined ass. One has blue eyes, the other dark eyes and dark hair. Looking for a bisexual or gay cossed guy that's not at all into the gay scene interested in ongoing casual encounters with us. Like him to be well-hung, in good shape and younger.

Box 2228: Dark guy looking to hook up or chat with other attractive, open-minded guys under 35.

Box 2252: I'm 29, 6'5", 240lb. In a longterm heterosexual relationship. However, I'm looking for an individual who is able to satisfy my needs that are not currently met by my partner. Someone in the northwest of central who loves sucking cock, wants to lick my ass, with a foot

or bondage fetish is a plus. Potential reciprocation and lengthy weekend encounters with the right individual.

Box 2324: I'm tall, blond, looking for a good time, nice body.

Box 2328: I'm Jay, 28, 160lb, 5'10", dark hair, dark eyes, hairy chested, slim to medium build. Prefer guys who are muscular. I'm in good shape. I'm a bottom seeking a top.

Box 2336: Oriental gay male, 30, 5'6", 160lb, dark hair, brown eyes, smooth body, 6" uncult. Can be top, bottom, doesn't matter. Looking for a guy 25-35 for casual fun, nonsmoker. I'm really horny, light ass, do most everything.

shape and who would like to serve me. I'd like to see you dressed in your maid's uniform, follow my orders. I'm strict and demanding, but I do respect limits. If you're good, you'll be rewarded. If you're bad, I'll punish you. I like to take a sexy maid across my knee and spank her. You will be put to work to do housework and take care of me.

bears, big men & their admirers

Box 2164: I'm B.J. Looking for a big bear with a big 10. I would love to have his big 10 knocking on my front and my back door.

Box 2303: I'm 22, 5'10", 185lb, dyed red hair, spiky, nice light green eyes, cute, little cub. Looking for other cubs. Somebody who is funny and sincere and definitely under 28, because age gets in the way. I'm all about having fun and getting to know somebody and liking them for who they are.

Box 2168: I'm a tall, very athletic frame, masculine, well-built, tanned, good-looking guy, 23, short dark hair, brown eyes. Definitely looking for a transvestite, crossdresser or transsexual. Love passable, but not necessary. You are open-minded, versatile and love to have a good time with a young, good-looking, well-hung jock.

transgender

Box 2173: I'm a 40 year old bisexual male, 5'8", 165lb, very clean, discreet, 150lb, 6-1/2" uncult, very oral.

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Box 2235: My name is Jason, I'm a bi male, 24, 5'8", short brown hair, hazel eyes. Looking to get together with a TS or a cross-dresser.

Box 2260: This is Amanda, I'm a 41 year old TV, 6'2", 180lb, long brown hair, hazel eyes, built, attractive, well-endowed. I love to dress

totally. Fully shaved, painted toenails, high heels, hose, lingerie, long nails, full makeup, long legs, sexy outfits. I love to dress very slutty and when I dress like that I like to perform like that. I'm looking for men, women, couples, other TS's or TS's, anyone who would be interested in chatting and seeing what happens. I love to be dominant or submissive. I love to give oral to completion. I love tall, big guys, short, small ones with big cocks, small cocks. Call Mandy.

Box 2271: This is Kevin, 27, new on the system. I'm here looking for transsexuals, younger preferred, pett, very feminine looking. Just looking to try new things. I'd love to hear from you.

bisexuals

Box 2098: I'm 24, Native, bi-curious. Never been with a man before. My girlfriend doesn't know how I'm feeling. I have needs and I need to have and sex with some other men, secretly, more excitingly. I like to date someone low profile. I love hard cocks.

Box 2192: My name is Al, 39, very young looking, young thinking, healthy, very bi-curious and totally inexperienced. I'm kinda apprehensive about this but I've been quite interested in it for a long time. I'm looking for somebody else, similar to me physically. I'm 5'11", 175lb, brown hair, blue-grey eyes, clean-shaven, very clean-cut, normal, down-to-earth, regular guy. Looking for somebody very similar to that and very inexperienced or totally inexperienced, but who is creative and would like to get together.

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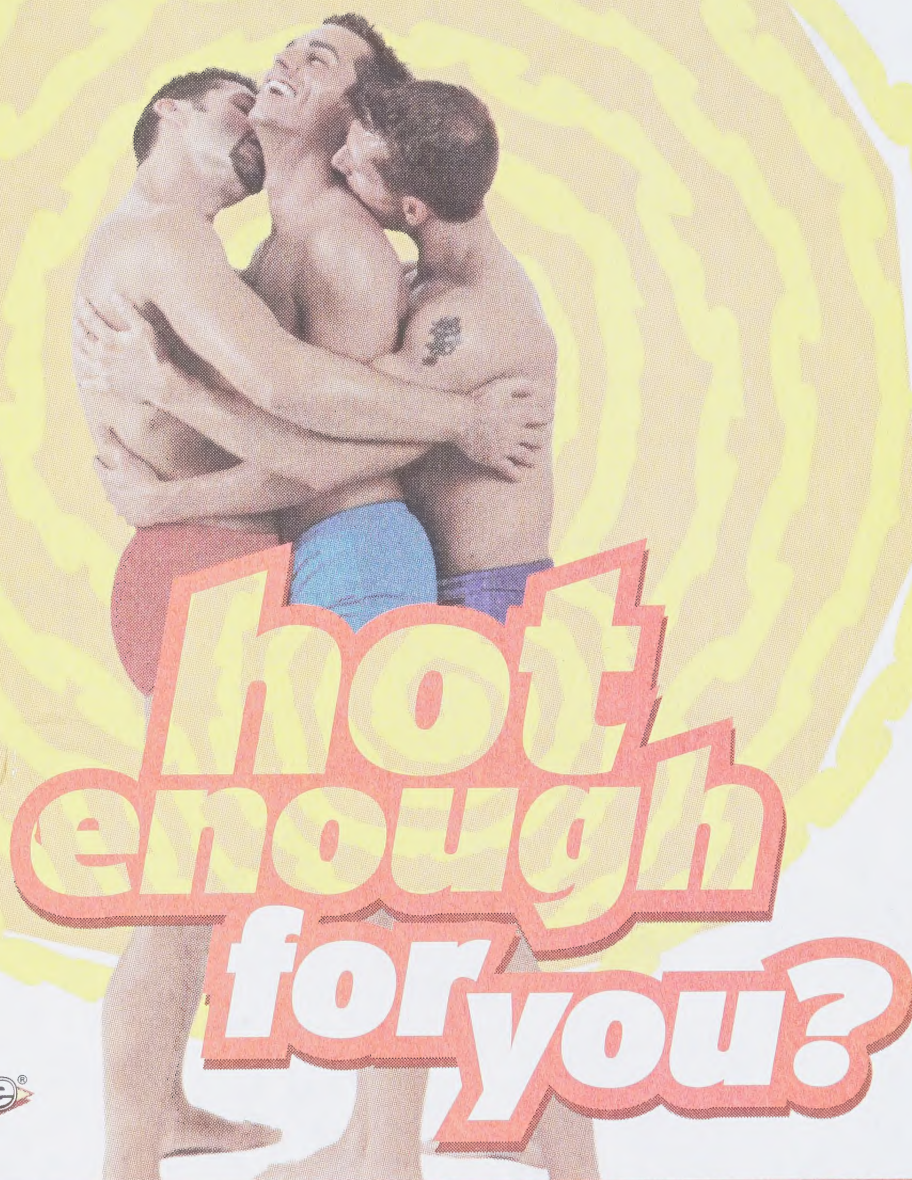
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